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In re application of

Ingbritt MAGNUSSON

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Fuller
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-21.

Add the following new claims:

22. (New) Nonwoven fabric that includes a surface for fastening the male component of a hook and loop fastener system which comprises a loop-free, carded and needled fabric of functional fibres and binding fibres, wherein the functional fibres are comprised of thermoplastic polymer fibres, and where the nonwoven fabric is bonded by partially melting the binding fibres.

23. (New) A nonwoven fabric according to Claim 22, wherein the functional fibres are comprised of one or more types of polyester fibres and/or polypropylene fibres.